



Summer Employment Opportunity

Weed Management Technicians

The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) provides work experience to college students in an occupational field, whether or not it is related to their academic major. The Salmon-Challis National Forest Weed Management Program is currently looking for qualified, interested individuals to fill open positions as summer Weed Management Technicians who will be stationed at either the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District in Salmon, Idaho or at the Middle Fork Ranger District in Challis, Idaho.*

Position Duties

- Perform weed control activities supervising Salmon-Challis National Forest weed management crews. Weed control consists primarily of herbicide applications, but also includes mechanical control methods and collection and placement of biological control agents.
- Identify weed species and native plants.
- Identify and collect biological control agents.
- Conduct weed inventory: mapping and data collection using commercial grade handheld computers/GPS receivers and GIS software.
- Perform quality control checks, download and process weed control and inventory data using several databases and various software.
- Operate four-wheel drive vehicles and ATV's, haul trailers and operate spray equipment.
- Travel using a variety of equipment and vehicles, including 4WD pickups, ATV's, pack and saddle stock, rafts and jetboats, small aircraft, etc.
- Perform routine equipment and calibration checks and perform basic maintenance on a variety of weed control equipment, including 4WD pickups, ATVs, backpack pumps, etc.
- Assist with implementation monitoring (Did we do what we said we would do?) and effectiveness monitoring (Were our treatments effective in controlling weeds?) in riparian and upland plant communities using a variety of techniques.

Do I Qualify?

Academic Requirements

- You must have proof of current enrollment or acceptance into a degree-seeking program. This means you must be already attending a university, community college, or technical/vocational school or be planning to attend the coming semester.
- Be at least a half-time student which is defined as a minimum of a 6 credit hours semester undergrad course load or a 3 credit semester graduate course load.
- You must be in good academic standing. Good academic standing is defined as a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or as otherwise defined by the school which you are enrolled.

Weed Management Requirements

- You must possess a professional Idaho herbicide applicator's license OR possess a license from another state which has a reciprocity agreement with Idaho.
- You must be in good physical condition and able to carry up to 40 pounds in steep, unstable terrain on a daily basis.

How do I Apply?

If you are interested, please submit (a) a cover letter with your interests and qualifications pertaining to the job duties, (b) a current resume and (c) a copy of class registration for the upcoming semester, to the following contacts:

Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District – Diane Schuldt at dschuldt@fs.fed.us. Telephone – 208-756-5249

Middle Fork Ranger District – Tom Gionet at tgionet@fs.fed.us. Telephone – 208-879-4116

It is strongly recommended that you visit with the Salmon-Challis National Forest Weed Management Program Leaders before you apply.

*Note that there is no Forest Service housing available in Salmon Idaho. Employees will be required to find their own housing. Rental rates in Salmon generally range from \$500 - \$800/month. Government housing maybe available in Challis, ID on a first come first serve basis, slots are limited. The cost for government housing in Challis is approximately \$220/ month.

